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EXAMINING GROUP 1645

PATENT
1781-0178P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jeak Ling DING et al. Conf.: 2336
Appl. No.: 09/426,776 Group: 1645
Filed: October 26, 1999 Examiner: Ja-Na HINES

For: ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A
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PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 5, 2003

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated May 6, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 30-54.

☐ This document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of three (3) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

☒ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$475.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

☐ An extension of _____ () month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on

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_____. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional _____ () month(s) for filing the Notice of Appeal.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

☐ Large entity - \$330.00

☒ Small Entity - \$165.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$640.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$640.00 is/are enclosed.

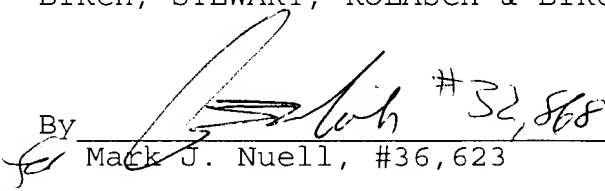
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Respectfully submitted,

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